The Toxy Plot:

The Second Part,

Or, a farther

DISCOVERY

OF A

DESIGN

To Alter the Constitution of the

Government,

And to Betray the

PROTESTANT RELIGION.

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LOYAL READER.

ALthough the First Part of this Discourse Treats of the Tory Plot, only as cunningly couched, and wrapt up in the Addresses and Abhorrences, yet it is not to be imagined it had its beginning There, but that it had its Birth much sooner, as I shall plainly demonstrate in the following Discourse, by many unquestionable and unanswerable Proofs. The Tories indeed talk much of their Loyalty, and make great Boasting of their firm Resolution to Live and Dye at the Kings feet, in defense of his Power and Authority, against all manner of Enemies and Opposers whatsoever, yet there is nothing in the World more plain, then that they are a company of false Loons, that designe the Ruin of the King and the Protestant Religion, even by these specious pretenses of Loyalty, and the many fained promises they daily make his Majesty of standing by him with their Lives and Fortunes; neither has there been any thing in the World more usual, then for the worst Enemies a King has in his whole Court, (who impatiently wait, and greedily long for an opportunity to accomplish his Ruin) to be the greatest flatterers and boasters of their Loyalty, as those who are acquainted with History very well know: It was these fained friends, and pretended Loyalists, that were the fatal Enemies, who contrived and accomplished the deplorable ruin of those renowned Warriors Julius Cæsar and Charles Duke of Burgundy, and many more, who have been so infatuated, as to give credit to such wheedling, deceitful, and designing Courtiers. With how much Tory Zeal

hath the cutting and defacing the Duke of Yorks *Picture been improved, to the villifying the* Desenting Protestants, *as if they were like* Tories, *of such splenitick and revengeful Natures, that rather then be frustrated of all revenge, they would Stab an Innocent Picture: The next day after it was done, there was a grave* Sermon-Reader *that wears a Scarf, and thinks himself as Reverend a* Don *as the best, who enquired of some* Gentlemen, whether they heard the News? No said they, *what news pray?* ha! *said he,* The Game is begun, the *Whigs* have defaced the Dukes Picture: *But this Canonical Blade was mistaken, for it was not a* Protestant, *but a* Papist *that did it, in hopes to exasperate the* King *and his* Royal Highness *against the* City, *as appears since by the seizing of* Brooks *a* Papist, *who owned that he was the Man that did it, before several Witnesses that have sworn the same, and he now stands bound over to answer for it next Sessions.*

I have endeavoured in the following Pages, to discover several of the steps whereby this Mystery of Iniquity is advanced; The more secret Springs, and Subornations, and Villanies behind the Courtain, are not unknown, but it may not yet be Seasonable. Indeed the perfect History of Torism *will require a Volume, and when accomplish'd, twill abundantly outvye the Adventures of* Cataline; *but* God *be thanked, we want not some Wise and Honest* Cicero's *to descry, and* (we hope) *prevent their Hellish designs.*

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IT is a moſt certain and infallible Truth, That there hath been a curſed Deſign for many years carried on by the Papiſts, to ſubvert the Proteſtant Religion, and utterly root out and extirpate that (as they are pleaſed to call it) *Peſtilent Northern Hereſie*; wherein they had received many Defeats, and met with innumerable Diſappointments, which very much heightned their malice and rage, and quickned their deſire of Revenge, which they thought muſt be done quickly, for fear of loſing for ever that Opportunity which mightily depended upon the next Succeſſor to the Crown of *England*: So that about the Years 1677, and ---78, they formed a moſt Damnable and Helliſh Conſpiracy againſt the Kings Life, and the Proteſtant Religion, which was managed with ſo much Subtilty and Secreſie, and promoted by ſuch vaſt numbers of all ſorts and degrees of Papiſts, that they boaſted with much Confidence to their Confederates in *France*, That *they were never in ſo much probability of ſucceeding ſince the Reign of Queen Mary.* But this Plot being by the Providence of God diſcovered and fruſtrated, the *Tories* preſently entred into a Conſpiracy to ſtifle as ſoon as poſſible the Noiſe of this Plot, and yet at the ſame time promote the Deſign and Tendency thereof.

But before I diſcourſe of the *Tory's Plot*, I ſhall give the Reader an Impartial Character of them,

becauſe they would fain diſguiſe themſelves, that ſo they may appear to the World what they are not, *viz.* The moſt loyal Subjects and Friends the King has, when indeed they are the direct contrary, as will eaſily appear by what follows.

A TORY is one that pretends to love the King, and wiſh for his long Life, but ſecretly hates him, and hopes the Duke of *York* may out-live him: He is one that rails againſt all that are not of his diſſolute and traiterous humour, as Diſſenters and Rebels againſt the Kings Laws; and yet themſelves are the greateſt Diſſenters and Rebels, for they come leſs to Church then thoſe they call Diſſenters; only with this difference, the one comes not to Church becauſe he attends the Worſhip and Service of God in ſome other place, where it is not incumbred with ſo many Humane Inventions, which are acknowledged by the Impoſers as indifferent, but by him eſteemed unneceſſary; the other abſents himſelf from Church on far different reaſons, either he came not to his Lodging till four or five, or it may be ſix or ſeven in the morning, and ſo ſpends the day in ſleep, or elſe he is viſiting his Miſs, and ſpending his time in her laſcivious Embraces, or elſe Carowſing with his *Tory-Companions*, quaffing the Dukes Health, and making the Houſe ring with *Huzza*'s, inſtead of Pſalms and Hymns; or it may be he comes not to Church, becauſe he is better employ'd in going up and down from one Conventicle to another, to catch at ſomething which they may convey to the Authors of *Heraclitus* and the *Obſervator*, to fill up their next Weeks Pamphlets; and if they meet not with any thing worth their while, yet they do as good Service by diſturbing the damn'd Whiggs by their laughing,

laughing, ſwearing, curſing, and the like; or elſe he comes not to his Pariſh Church, becauſe he employs himſelf in going from one Church to another, and juſt puts his head in at the Church-doors, hearkens what ſubject the Parſon is preaching upon, and if he preach up nothing but Hell and Heaven, and a good Life, and preſs the neceſſity of Repentance and Reformation, in order to the obtaining of Salvation, away he flings in a rage; *D----me*, ſays he, *this Fellow's Whiggiſh'd*; and then away he runs to another: and to be ſure he fails not to viſit *Guild-hall*-Chappel, and other Churches, where any of the City-Magiſtrates uſually frequent, and if they meet with any of the high-flown Crape-Gown-Men, that thunder briskly againſt the Diſſenters, affirming them equally as bad or worſe then the Papiſts, and makes the Church eccho with the roaring ſound of *Forty One*, and *Forty Eight*, away he goes huffing, and cries, *D----me, this is a brave Fellow, he is a true* Tory, *it is great pity but he ſhould be promoted.*

He is more diſloyal, and a greater Rebel, then thoſe they would repreſent as ſuch; for he breaks the Laws more, and violates more Statutes in one day, then the other doth in his whole Life; only with this difference, the Diſſenter doth not obey ſome Statutes about Uniformity in Religion, becauſe (as he apprehends at leaſt) they command ſomething contrary to the Laws of God, but the other lives in a daily contempt and violation of divers Laws that do (as themſelves confeſs) exactly agree and correſpond with the Laws of God, *viz.* thoſe againſt Swearing, Whoring, Drunkenneſs, Drinking of Healths, Gaming, breaking the Sabbath, with abundance more of the like nature. A Tory is one that eſteems him the

beſt Subject who diſplays his Loyalty by damning the Kings beſt Friends, and drinking Healths to the utter Confuſion of thoſe who were moſt inſtrumental in the Kings Reſtauration, and him the beſt Proteſtant that makes it his buſineſs to promote Proteſtancy by advancing Popery, and undertakes to ſecure the Proteſtant Faith by indeavouring to advance a Popiſh Defender of it. In a word a Tory is a *Monſtrous* and prodigious kind of Animal, that looks like the illiterate brood of thoſe mungrel *Samaritans*, whoſe Religion was compounded of fearing the Lord, and ſerving their own Gods; for he Worſhips Chriſt, and yet Adores Anti-Chriſt; he pretends to imbrace the Doctrines of God, but yet prefers the Traditions of men before them; he profeſſes the Goſpel, but yet indeavours to the uttermoſt of his power to eclips the light, and hinder the Progreſs thereof. Having thus given you the Character of a Tory, I will next give you an account of the Plot and Conſpiracie he is carrying on againſt the King and Government, and the Proteſtant Religion.

The Tory Plot ſeems to have Commenced before the Diſcovery of the Popiſh Plot, and that they embraced the Intereſt of *Rome* much earlier than 1679. and lent them a lifting hand in the management of their Plot, as well as in the ſtifling thereof: For it cannot be imagined with any probability of Reaſon, that all thoſe who were in the Year 1661. imployed to Sham a Plot upon the *Presbyterians*, which was induſtriouſly carried on in no leſs than 16 Counties, were Papiſts. But having failed in that, their next Plot was to perſuade and wheedle the King into a belief that he was an Abſolute Monarch, and had an uncontrolable right to diſpoſe

diſpoſe of all Perſons and Things within his Dominions, according to the Dictates of his own Will, which is not to be bounded by any Laws whatſoever; to which end there were ſeveral Tracts Written and Printed for to prove that *William* the Firſt, commonly called the Conqueror, made a compleat Conqueſt of *England*, and divided it between himſelf and his *Normans*; which is notoriouſly falſe, as appears by the Formality uſed at his Coronation, when the Arch-Biſhop demanded of the people whether they were willing to have *William* to be their King? which needed not to have been done if he had made ſuch an Abſolute Conqueſt as they would ſuggeſt: it appears alſo by the Coronation Oath which was then given him by the Arch-Biſhop of *York*, which take as follows.

Firſt, *I will defend the Churches of God, and all its Paſtors.* Secondly, *I will Interdict Rapines, and all injuſtice to all orders of men.* Thirdly, *I do promiſe, and will command, that in all Judgments Juſtice and Mercy ſhall be mingled together, to the end that God who is the Omnipotent Judge of the world, and Ruleth over all, may be pleaſed out of his infinite Compaſſion to be propitiouſly good and merciful to us all.* Fourthly, *That I will Govern both the* Engliſh *and* French *by the ſame equality of Law, without reſpect to either.*

Others to prove Monarchy to be *Jure Divino*, from whence they would infer two things. Firſt, That the King may Rule and Govern how he pleaſes, either with or without the Peoples Repreſentatives. Secondly, That by reaſon of this Divine Right, it is utterly unlawful for any, yea for the King himſelf to attempt the leaſt Alteration whatſoever in the

Line.

Line of Succeſſion to the Crown, how weighty ſoever the Reaſons may be for which they pretend to make the Alteration; yet thoſe confident Aſſerters of the Divine Right of Kings, have not been ſo kind as to oblige the World with ſo much as one ſingle inſtance of any one Government, that ever ſprang up in the whole Univerſal World, that was not founded either upon the Conqueſt of the Prince, or the Choice of the people, or both. Many when they conſider for whoſe, and what Intereſt this is deſigned, and who are the managers of it, it fills them with amazement and confuſion, and they cannot but admire that perſons who pretend to be Pillars of the Proteſtant Religion, ſhould lend a helping hand towards the overthrow and ſubverſion of the famous Structure they pretend to uphold: but when I conſider that it is within the memory of many yet living, how impudently they affronted the Almighty to his Face, by procuring Books of Debauchery to be Read in the Places, and at the Time of Divine Worſhip, I muſt confeſs I do not wonder at it; yet as bad as they are, one thing I have to ſay in their commendation, they are Pious Souls, great admirers of *Grace*, ſtill wiſhing and waiting for it, and even languiſhing for the bleſſed time when it will deſcend to them.

Among the reſt of thoſe High-Flown Blades, ſee a little out of the Famed Doctor *Parker*, Chaplin to the late Arch-Biſhop of *Canterbury*, who very Gravely affirms, That the Supream Magiſtrate is inveſted with a Power to Govern and Conduct the Conſciences of his Subjects in matters of Religion, which is ſubject to his Dominion as well as other things, and to bind them to that Religion which he apprehends moſt

moſt advantagious to the Publick Peace and Tranquility; for in Caſes and Diſputes of Publick concernment, private men are not properly *Sui Juris*, they have no power over their own Actions, they are not to be directed by their own Judgments, or determined by their own Wills, but by the Commands and Determinations of the Publick Conſcience; for God hath appointed Soveraigns to be his Truſtees and Officials to act and determine in moral Vertues and Pious Devotion, according to all accidents and emergencies of Affairs, to aſſign new particulars of the Divine Law, and to declare new bounds of right or wrong *(Except the Succeſſion to the Crown)* which the Law of God neither doth nor can limit, and that this inveſtiture was inherent in Princes, by an antecedent right to Chriſt. There were innumerable of theſe Flatterers, ſome of which ſince the Plot filled moſt of their Pages with Arguments, to prove that neither the King nor the Parliament, no nor both in Conjunction, have power lawfully to alter the Succeſſion to the Crown, and they were ſo very angry with the Parliaments for attempting it, that I very well remember after the Diſſolution of one of the Parliaments, there came out one of the moſt impudent and audacious Libels againſt the Government that ever the Sun ſaw, I have almoſt forgot the name of it, it was a very cramp one, I think they Baptized it by the name of the *Loyal Apoſtrophe*; it was a kind of ſawcy Petition, or arogant Addreſs to the King.

That ſince he had tried Parliaments ſo often, and ſtill found them ſo contrary to his Inclinations, he would at laſt rouze up himſelf, and aſſume that power that God and Nature had given him, and for the future throw

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off Parliaments as intolerable and insufferable Fetters to the Heroic and magnanimous Designs of Princes, and therefore no longer to be indured; assuring His Majesty, that if he would venture to try this experiment, he should thereby procure more Friends than he could Create Enemies, and draw over more to his Interest from one side, then he should lose by it on the other. With abundance more such stuff, which if any have a mind to see, I refer them to the Pamphlet it self, and yet these very persons have the impudence to Monopolise Loyalty to themselves, calling themselves Loyallists, or the Loyal Party, swearing D---'em, they are for the Government as it is by Law Establisht, as if the Parliament were no part of the Constitution of our Government. Now if any man have a Plot against any part or Member of my Body, I should account him an enemy to my whole body, although their design should be only against my little *Finger*.

Upon the discovery of the Popish Plot, the *Tories* could only help them by simpathising with them, and bearing part of the grief for that unhappy miscarriage, however it was not long before they agreed what measures to take in helping the Papists off with their Plot, and Translate it upon the *Whiggs*; but according to the Proverb first creep and then go; at first they only wished the Witnesses were not too fierce in their accusations; and then they would insinuate that it was very improbable that the Papists should have such a Plot ready to be Executed, yet none of the Commissions or Arms found, and when *Coalman* and the Jesuits died, protesting their Innocency, this was laid hold on presently, and improved to the best advantage, as if the dying Protestation

teſtation of a Papiſt, whereby he hopes to eſcape the doleful pains of Purgatory, and paſs immediatly without any more ado into a Fools Paradice, were a ſufficient ground for a Proteſtant to believe infallibly that there was no Plot, although *Coalman* and ſome of the reſt, their own Letters which they acknowledged were of their own hand-writing, gave their laſt dying Speeches the lye, for which reaſon, though it may be evidence ſufficient to invalidate the Truth of the Plot in general, and clear their ſeveral Innocencies in particular, in the apprehenſions of *Tories*, yet not of Proteſtants.

Another thing laid hold on by the *Tories* to procure a disbelief of the Popiſh Plot, was ſeveral of the Conſpirators impudently denying any kind of knowledge of their Accuſers, affirming that they never ſaw them before, or not above once, and that without having any acquaintance or converſe with them; and this they would audaciouſly affirm, with the moſt ſolemn Proteſtations, Oaths, and Aſſeverations imaginable: *Why now*, ſays Tory, *can any thing in the World be more plain then this? They do not know theſe men, they never ſaw them in their lives before*: But hold a little, *Tory*, let us ſee how you can acquit them of theſe Contradictions; *Berry* and *Hill* affirm that they never ſaw *Gerald*, yet it was proved at their Trials that they had frequent meetings with him at the Plow Alehouſe, and *Hill* himſelf acknowledged before the Council he did know him. *Grove* and *Fenwick* think they might have ſeen *Oates*, but both affirm they never had any acquaintance with him, yet afterwards one acknowledged he lent him money, and the other that he paid it for him, and that he had been ſeveral times in Company with them

both. My Lord *Stafford* at his Trial and death, ſolemnly Proteſted he never ſpake with *Dugdale* but once; and that in publick too, about a Foot Boy, or ſome ſuch buſineſs, yet there were no leſs then Eleven Affidavits produced, that this Lord had frequent Converſation with Mr. *Dugdale* in private, and was very familiar with him. And at his death he renounced all hope of Salvation if he or any elſe as he knew of, were guilty of the Crimes laid to his Charge, yet a Letter was found and ſeized in Mr. *Aſtons* Study at *Texal*, Dated *Oct.* 8. 1678. Wherein were theſe words: My Lord the Plot is diſcovered, and we are all undone, I am going into *Shropſhire* to ſtifle it as much as I can, and I pray do you the ſame in *Staffordſhire*. Subſcribed *Stafford*. *From whence we may learn how well* Tory *and Papiſts are agreed in their attempts to ſtifle the Plot.*

What was he but a *Tory*, (I am confident he will not ſay he is a Papiſt) that took Mr. *Bedloe* into his Cloſet, and asked him whether the Duke of *Buckingham*, or the Lord *Shaftsbury*, or any Member of the Houſe of Commons, had deſired him to ſay any thing againſt him, and to tell him who they were, and he would reward him, deſiring to know if he would deſiſt from giving Evidence againſt the Lords in the *Tower*, and telling him he might for ſo doing have a great Sum of Money and live in another Country, either *Geneva Sweden*, or *New-England*, and he ſhould have what Money he would ask for, to maintain him there. But he not ſucceeding, another undertakes the management of the Plot, *viz. Reading*, who like *Hodg* and the reſt of the *Tory*-crew, pretended to be mighty deſirous of a full diſcovery of the Popiſh Plot, and by all means would have the

the Conſpirators Proſecuted with the uttermoſt ſeverity that the Law would afford: and when and whereſoever he was with Mr. *Bedloe* in publick, no man more forward than he in perſwading him to make a full diſcovery of the Plot, without ſparing any perſon whatſoever. Who would think, to have heard this man talk at this rate, that he had been one of the Papiſts Emiſſaries, and a Factor for *Rome*? yet ſo he was, for the ſly *Tory*, when he got Mr. *Bedloe* alone, with the moſt powerful Arguments imaginable, being all of them tipt with Gold, pleaded the cauſe of the Lords in the *Tower*, who had retained him for their ſide, and paſſionatly intreated Mr. *Bedloe* to dock and mince his Evidence: Telling him it was not ſafe to run at the whole Herd, and therefore he would adviſe him as he was his Friend, and one for whom he had a very great kindneſs, not to be ſo hot, but a little more eaſy in his Evidence againſt the Lords, *Powis*, *Peter* and *Stafford*, with Sir *Henry Tichburn*, aſſuring him he ſhould for this ſervice have an Eſtate of my Lord *Staffords* in *Glouceſter-ſhire*, for I have, ſaid he, orders from him to draw up Blank Deed, which I engage my life for it, he ſhall ſign within ten days after his diſcharge, beſides other noble rewards he was to receive from the other Lords. And at preſent, ſays he, I have orders from them to ſupply you with what mony you have occaſion for, and accordingly Mr. *Bedloe* received from him at ſeveral times about fifty ſix Guinies. But Mr. *Agent* reſolved to get ſomething by the Defendent as well as the Plantiff, and therefore he told Mr. *Bedloe* that for this ſervice which he ſhould do him in raiſing his Fortune, he could do no leſs then give him one Hundred Pound

per annum, out of every Thouſand pound *per. annum*, he ſhould get by this Service.

O Rome, *quoth* Tory, *I would not be thine,*
Wer't not for love I bear unto thy Coine;
Nor would I with ſuch horrid Treaſons hold,
Won't they rewarded with ſuch heaps of Gold.

And now *Tory* ſuppoſing he had by theſe large promiſes brought Mr. *Bedloe* to his Bow, demands of him an Account of what he would ſay againſt the Lords; and he preſently told him, and when he ſpoke any thing that was home, *Tory* would tell him of it, and deſire him to make it more eaſy. This Paper dictated by *Bedloe*, and corrected by himſelf, he carries to the Lords in the *Tower*, but brought back from them another Paper, which at his Tryal he himſelf own'd, far different from what they two had concluded on before, wherein *Bedloes* Evidence againſt the Lords in the *Tower* was ſo curtail'd that it ſignified juſt nothing at all, (yet I do not queſtion but their Hiſtorians make good uſe of it to deceive other Nations at preſent, and our own hereafter) all this was ſo plainly proved upon him, that he had nothing wherewith to excuſe himſelf, but this Idle Ridiculous Flam, That *Bedloe* propoſed the matter to him firſt, and he good man deſigned not to ſtifle any thing of Truth, but only to prevent his drawing upon himſelf the Guilt of Perjury and innocent blood.

You ſee, diſloyal Tories *never did as yet,*
By Plots to ſtifle Plots, want either love or wit.

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One of those *Tory* blades, a Member of the House of Commons, was so hot and fiery in the management of this *Tory* Plot, that he affirmed they were all Sons of Whores and lying Rogues that said there was a *Popish* Plot; for which he was called to an account by the Commons, and by Order of the House sent to the *Tower* and expell'd the House; and *L'Estrange*, Scribler-general to the whole Society of *Tories*, forms a Plot against the discovery of the Plot by Dr. *Oates*, which he prosecutes with all imaginable eagerness, in that which he calls his *Further Discovery*, and innumerable other *Pamphlets* of the like tendency, in some of which he indeavours to bring his Majesty into an ill opinion of the Citizens of *London*, by representing them as the basest and most disloyal persons in all his Dominions, affirming that a Citizens skull is good for nothing but to try the mettle of a Souldiers Sword upon. And to bring the greater *Odium* upon the *Whiggs*, they are fiercely charged with the Murder of Dr. *Sharp* Archbishop of St. *Andrews*, although the Barbarous and Execrable fact was not perpetrated by *Whiggs* but *Toryes*, for *Haxstown* the principal Murtherer was a base vild profligate fellow, and so far from a *Whig*, that he was scarcely admitted to the Society of any sober men, notwithstanding which he was a little before this Assassination the Bishops great Favorite, but having conceived some displeasure against him, he imprisoned and otherwise dealt severely with him, whereat he was so much inraged, that he resolved on, and acted that inhumane Murther, in revenge of those personal injuries he pretended the Bishop had done him. The *Tory*-Plot had such good success, that the *Popish*

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Plot began to be every where diſcredited, and a *Presbyterian* Plot to be more generally believed, whereupon the hopes of the *Popiſh* Conſpirators began to revive, that all their deſigns would at laſt be effected, notwithſtanding the many diſappointments they had heitherto meet withal; Wherefore they imployed one Mr. *Edward Fitz-Harris* an *Iriſh Papiſt*, who had been formerly acquainted with Mr. *Everard*, when they were both in the *French* Kings Service, to go to him, and by pretending abundance of kindneſs for him, renew his acquaintance with him again, which he did, and having prepared his way by ſeveral preceeding diſcourſes, upon *February* 21. 1681. He put him upon writing a Pamphlet, to Libel and Scandalize the King, Allienate the hearts of his Subjects, raiſe a Rebellion, and ſet us together by the Ears, that we being in confuſion at home, might not be able to oppoſe the *French* King in his deſigns on *Flanders* and *Holland*, which as ſoon as he had ſubdued, he might then have made an eaſy Conqueſt of *England*.

Fitz-Harris gave *Everard* ſome heads and inſtructions by word of Mouth for the drawing up this *Libel*, and the next day *Fitz-Harris* came to his Chamber again, and having peruſed what *Everard* had drawn up, he gave him further inſtructions to this purpoſe, *viz.* That he muſt repreſent the King as a *Papiſt*, which might eaſily be proved by his eſpouſing the Duke of *Yorks* intereſt, and prefering known *Papiſts* with abundance of ſuch Treaſonable ſtuff, which was to be concluded with exciting the people to Rebellion, adviſing them to blow the Trumpet bouldly. This *Libel* was to have been

been Printed in the name of all the *Nonconformists*, and to be ſent by the *Peny-poſt* to the Proteſting Lords, and the leading men of the Houſe of Commons, who were to be taken up as ſoon as they had received it, that ſo being ſearched it might have been found about them. Great was the expectations of the *Papiſts* from this Plot, expecting as great a thing from it as they had done from that which was unhappily ſtifled in Dame *Celiers* Meal-Tub; but this Plot under-went the ſame fate as the reſt had done, it was diſcovered, and *Fitz-Harris* ſeized and ſent to *Newgate*, but that which was ſtill worſe, he confeſt his being Guilty of what he was charged with, and made ſeveral other very conſiderable diſcourſes in Relation to the *Popiſh* Plot, whereby they looked upon themſelves as quite undone, unleſs they could find out ſome way or other to Invalidate this Evidence of *Fitz-Harris*'s, and therefore all hands to work, and the *Tory*'s were no leſs buſie in this work then the *Papiſt*, for when ever they came in Company where *Fitz-Harris* was ſpoken of, why truely, ſaith *Tory*, I know not what to think of this fellows Evidence, its greatly ſuſpected that the Lord *Howard* of *Eſterike* hath been tampering with him: and whilſt Mr. *Fitz-Harris* lay in the *Tower* under Sentence of Condemnation, a Paper was written, which after his Execution was Publiſhed under the Title of the Confeſſion of *Edward Fitz-Harris*, the very deſign and tendancy whereof, was to overthrow the belief of a *Popiſh* Plot, and perſwade the World into a firm belief of a *Proteſtant* one, and ſo admirably was it framed, and ingeniouſly contrived, for the proving a *Proteſtant* Conſpiracy, that there was hardly one line

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of the whole *Paper* that was not accommodated for that purpoſe, and yet it was not a *Papiſt* but a *Tory* that Midwifed it into the World, and to procure it the more belief and credit, vouch'd it upon the Faith of Chriſtian, and the word of a Miniſter of the Goſpel; how truely, let the Reader judge by what follows.

The Confeſſion tells us that *Fitz-Harris* was no further concerned in the *Libel* for which he was convicted, then as imployed to give the King notice of things of that nature (*he would have done well to have named by whom he was imployed*) and as for that part of it which he left with *Everard*, he received it of my Lord *Howard*, (*as if this Libel which the framer of the Confeſſion would inſinuate, was drawn up by the* Presbyterians, *was divided into ſeveral Pieces, and my Lord* Howard *only intrſtued with one of them.*

(1.) Yet the Evidence given at his Trial was very full and clear, that he himſelf dictated the matter of that *Libel*, Corrected it, made additions to it, and that at his own requeſt *Everard* drew it up into form, which is ſomething more then being meerly imployed to find it out.

(2.) When he was in *Newgate*, he complained to the Sheriffs, that he was preſſed with promiſe of a Pardon to accuſe the Lord *Howard* and *Shaftsbury* of that *Libel*, and was ſo importuned thereunto, that he fell on his knees, and begg'd he might not be any further preſſed in that matter, for he proteſted before God that they knew nothing of it. And Mrs. *Fitz-Harris* by a Depoſition upon Oath *Auguſt* the 15, 1681. affirms that her Husband a little before his Execution told her that there had been great

great offers made him, if he would at firſt have charged the aforeſaid *Libel* upon the Earl of *Shaftsbury*, and my Lord *Howard*, and adviſed her to do it as the only means left to ſave his life, yet he proteſted at the ſame time they were wholly Innocent. She likewiſe depoſed that a certain Gentleman, aſſured her ſhe ſhould have what money ſhe pleaſed, if ſhe would accuſe the Earl of *Shaftsbury* as Author of that *Libel*. Nay *Fitz-Harris* himſelf the very night before his Execution, wrote a Paper to his Wife, wherein he tells her by whom he was adviſed to accuſe them, and other Gentlemen of the ſaid *Libel*, and that it was the promiſe of a Pardon that had prevailed upon him to do it; but he finds he is deluded, and declares before God that they were innocent, and he had wronged them in accuſing them.

Saith the Framer of the Confeſſion, The Lord *Howard* told me of a deſign to ſeize the King and carry him into the City, and there detain him till he had condeſcended to their deſires. *Hyns* and my ſelf were privy to this deſign, and had ſeveral meetings with the Lord *Howard*. The deſign of this Plot, as Father *Hawkings* tells you, was to oblige the King to call a *Parliament*, which ſhould ſit till the Bill of Excluſion, againſt the Duke was paſt, all evil Councellors were removed, and men of their chuſing put into places of truſt, the *Militia* ſettled, the *Navy* put into good hands, all Grievances redreſſed, and all things ordered according to their own liking, and then the Biſhops and other of the Clergy ſhould have ſuffered ſeverely. Tho'e ingaged in this deſign were men of Intereſt, and had 60000 men at Command in a very ſhort time.

And saith he, *Fitz-Harris* told me himself was to have Commanded a Company of Foot, *John Oneal*, and *Brian Heyns*, each of them another, and that a fourth person, whose name he purposely concealed, was to have Commanded a Man of War.

Besides the improbability that my Lord *Howard* should be so infatuated to discover an Affair of this Nature (if there had been any such thing) to a company of poor Indigent, Shabby, Debauched *Irish* Papists, who were no way capable either by their Councel, Interest, or Contributions to promote such a Design, but must be supposed to betray it; for besides their indigency, and their hopes of raising their Fortunes thereby, there is no man whose reason is free and not Bribed by Interest, but may easily imagine that Papists would undoubtedly look upon the discovery of another Protestant Plot as the most effectual means to turn the Sword of Justice from those of their own Religion, and procure its being sheathed in the Bowels of those whom they always esteemed their implacable Enemies.

Pray tell us, if *Fitz-Harris* had so many meetings with the Lord *Howard* as the Framer of this Confession pretends he had, why doth he not give us a better account of this pretended Army, and tell who were to be the Commanders, where its Magazines, and where it was to have been Mustered; and not sham us with an idle flam of shabby *Irish* Bogtrotters, who were to Command in this Army, without naming any other but only a man in the Moon, for whom, being in hast, he could not think of a name, and therefore was forced to conceal it, as if our *English* Nobility and Centry would be so wicked as to form a Rebellion, and expend

pend their Estates to Raise an Army; and yet be so silly as to bestow the Command of it upon a company of beggerly *Irish* Ragamuffins, and reserve themselves and Friends to stop Bottles with, or perhaps to Trail a Pike under the Command of those *Irish* Heroes. And why did not the Doctor, since he boasts so much of his Loyalty, examine *Fitz-Harris* strictly, when he found him in so good a vein of Discovering, and Labour to get out of him the particulars of this Conspiracy, and not be put off with such a tale of a Tub in general only, and then have discovered all to Authority.

The Confessor tells us that the Sheriffs came to him with a token from my Lord *Howard*, and gave him great incouragement from him, that if he would but discover so much of the Plot as amounted to the introducing the *R. C.* or if he would but find out any that would criminate the Queen, or *R. H.* or make but a plausible story to confirm the Plot, then the Parliament would restore him to his Fathers Estate, *&c.*

And yet the Sheriffs will severally depose, that they never saw nor heard from my Lord *Howard*, in any kind, while *Fitz-Harris* was in *Newgate*, and that *Bethel* never saw *Fitz-Harris* in all his life, till the ninth of *March*, which was four days after his first Confession, in reference to the Popish Plot, to the Secretaries of State; and had not then seen him neither, had not *Fitz-Harris* sent for him: and *Cornish* never saw him till the sixth of *March*, which was after the Secretaries Examination too, and then discourst him only in the presence of Capt. *Richardson*, who can testifie the falsness of this Paragraph.

In the next place he tells us that Sir *Robert Clayton*,

Sir *George Treby*, and the Sheriffs put him upon what he ſaid about the Popiſh Plot, and that Sir *George Treby* ſwore *God D--me*, if you will but ſay ſo, we have enough that will ſwear it; and that he being Fettered, *&c.* complied with them.

But, beſides its being notorious to all thoſe that have any knowledge of Sir *George Treby*, that he doth not uſe to ſwear at all, much leſs to uſe that Tory Impreſſation; can any man imagine he would be ſuch a prepoſterous Fool as to ſpeak theſe words? And diſcover to an *Iriſh* Papiſt, whom he had never ſeen before, that he and his Friends had a pack of Perjured Villans that would ſwear whatſoever they would have them. Beſides, if they had ſuch a parcel of Knights of the Poſt to ſwear, what need was there then to tamper with *Fitz-Harris* to ſay it? eſpecially ſince he had made one Confeſſion to the Secretaries of State, before either of the Sheriffs came near him, and had made three Confeſſions to them before Sir *George Treby*, or Sir *Robert Clayton* ſpoke a word to him; theſe conſiderations, and *Fitz-Harris* being never Fettered in *Newgate*, and thanking the Sheriffs, at the place of Execution, for their civility to him, may plainly demonſtrate this Confeſſion to be a meer ſham: It is to be noted alſo, That *Narrative Smith*, otherwiſe *Barry*, was one of the moſt material Evidences againſt him, and if there were any ſuch thing as my Lord *Howards* tranſacting in or about that Libel, why doth he not oblige his Tory Friends with a diſcovery thereof. But the truth is this Confeſſion looks as like a Romance as *Palmerine* of *England*, or *Don Belleanis* of *Greece*.

Was not Mr. *Gr*---- Mr. *B*---- and Mr. *Bo*---- that undertook the management of the Plot, to pro-

procure Captain *Henry Wilkinſon* to be a witneſs againſt the Lord *Shaftsbury*, and to prove the Proteſtant Conſpiracy, *Tories*? I am ſure they will not ſay they are *Papiſts*; and yet how eagerly did they proſecute the Plot, following him from time to time, and ſtill added to the promiſed reward, although it was very large at firſt, hoping thereby to allure him; and when this would not do, did they not imitate the *Devil* in his firſt Temptation, allureing his Wife to inſnare him? and when they could not prevail, did they not in revenge ſwear High Treaſon againſt him? nor will the Authors of *Heraclitus*, and the *Obſervator*, be willing to be taken for any other then *Tories*, and yet how hard did they Labor at it for ſeveral weeks together in malicious Libels, to beſpatter and ridicule the information of Captain *Wilkinſon*, and bring it in a general diſcredit, making people believe it was altogether fictious? Nor are they all *Papiſts* who have indeavoured to decry and Sham the Murther of Sir *Edmond Bury Godfrey*, and indeavoured to free the *Papiſts* from the Guilt of that inhumane Murther, by Murthering him over again in his Reputation, and making him the Barbarous Aſſaſſinate of himſelf.

I think by this all men may ſee,
Whoſe Friends it is the Tories *be.*

Were there not abundance of Tories, as well as Papiſts, imbarked in the deſign of ſwearing Sodomy againſt the Duke of *Buckingham*, hoping by that Plot to remove that obſtacle out of their way? let thoſe that doubt of it, conſult the ſeveral Tryals in *Weſtminſter-Hall* on that account. Was it not a Tory that with an impudence beyond that of the Jeſuits,

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affirmed in a late Libel, that there never was any thing more exactly proved nor nothing can be more unqueſtionable, and free from diſputes, than that the Aſſociation was ſeized in the Earl of *Shafts-buries* Cloſſet, and yet *Gwyn* himſelf does not ſwear poſitively it was ſo. But grant it was found there, is it reaſonable, or was it ever known that any man was queſtioned for a looſe Paper without any Hand to it, found in his Study, that cannot be proved to this day, nor ever will, that it did any way belong to him, or that he ever ſaw or read it himſelf, or ſhowed it to, or conferred with any one elſe about it; nor is it to be proved, notwithſtanding all this clamor and noiſe the Abhorring Tories have made about the diſmal and fatal conſequences of this ſuppoſed Aſſociation, that ever any one man did Sign or Act upon it, or any thing like it. This Triumphant Tory has the Confidence to declare in defiance of Parliaments, that he would have the days of Diſſolving the two laſt Parliaments kept as Anniverſary Feſtivals, in commemoration of the great deliverance which was thereby obtained, for thoſe who were incompaſſed with danger whilſt they were in Seſſion.

Pray who were they that raiſed the fatal ſtorm againſt the Earl of *Argile*? And what might be the deſign thereof? Since he is a perſon who hath always approved himſelf a moſt Loyal Subject, cleaving to his Soveraigns Intereſt with ſuch an unſhaken Reſolution that the moſt apparent dangers on the one hand, nor the higheſt preferments on the other were able to alter it, but he drew the Sword in his Majeſties defence, and aſſerted the right of his Soveraign with the peril of his Life, againſt his neareſt Relations, and that too when the Kings Fortune was at the loweſt Ebb. From his very youth he made it the chief buſineſs of his Life to ſerve his

his Majeſty, and with all imaginable conſtancy appeared in his Majeſties Service, eſpecially in times of Difficulty, having never joyn'd or complyed in the leaſt with any intereſt, or party whatſoever contrary to his Majeſties Authority, but hath always ſerved him in his own way, and that ſo much to his Majeſties content, that the Earl received not a frown from him in Thirty years.

His firſt appearance in the world was to ſerve His Majeſty as Collonel of his Foot Guard, and though at that time all the Commiſſions were given out by the Parliament, yet he refuſed to ſerve without a Commiſſion from his Majeſty; and after the misfortune of *Worceſter*, wherein his Majeſty was utterly overthrown, he ſtill continued in Arms for his Majeſties Service, when *Scotland* was over-run by the Uſurpers, and did then make ſome oppoſition to them, by taking ſome of the Caſtles they had gariſoned in *Argyleſhire*, and taking and killing three hundred of them in one day: After which he joyned with others that had Commiſſions from his Majeſty, and ſtood out till the laſt. It is well known that he was for his Loyalty to his Prince kept in Priſon till his Majeſties happy Reſtoration. And in the year 1666. when the Rebellion broke out at *Pentland*-Hills, upon a bare Advertiſement thereof, without any Order either from the Council or General, the intercourſe being ſtopp'd, he brought together two thouſand men for his Majeſties Service, in order to the cruſhing that Rebellion. And when he met with a great deal of trouble upon the account of his Neighbours being rebelliouſly in Arms, and he had Commiſſions upon both publick and private accounts, he carried it dutifully to His Majeſty, and performed what was commanded him, with a juſt moderation, as he is able to prove under the hands of his very

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enemies by many unqueſtionable Demonſtrations. And in this laſt Parliament in *Scotland*, he ſhewed an extraordinary forwardneſs to ſerve His Majeſty and the Royal Family in aſſerting vigorouſly the Lineal Legal Succeſſion of the Crown, and took a peculiar care to have it expreſſed in the Commiſſions of the Shires, and Borroughs, in which he had any intereſt; Nor was any one more forward in that *Parliament*, for offering ſufficient ſupplies to his Majeſty, and his Succeſſor, neither did any man more readily concur, to bind the Land-lords for the Tenants, although he was Principally concerned, and to his laſting Fame he had ſuch ſucceſs in his indeavours, to keep his Tenants from Rebellion, that he always kept them firm in their Obedience to his Majeſty.

Yet this Earl, notwithſtanding this, is, for one ſuppoſed fault, *viz.* The taking a Teſt with a very ſhort Explanation for the ſatisfying his own Conſcience in ſome material points, is accuſed of High Treaſon, although a poſitive refuſing to take the Teſt was not High Treaſon, but High Miſdemeanor only, neither could his continued ſteadfaſtneſs to his Majeſties intereſt, the many ſervices he had done, and the many Hardſhips he had ſuffered for his Soveraign, no nor yet his being forward in promoting the Duke of *York's* intereſt, in the laſt *Parliament*, be able to prevent his being condemned to loſe his head, notwithſtanding the Council themſelves had made an Explication thereof, as had alſo great numbers of the Conformable Clergy; and for the Readers Satisfaction, we ſhall here ſet down the Explications; and leave them to Judge where the Treaſon lyeth Couched in the one, more then in the other.

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The Earl of *Argyle*'s Interpretation or Explanation of the Oath-Teſt, for which he was Tried and Caſt as Guilty of High-Treaſon.

I Have conſidered the Teſt, and am willing to give Obedience ſo far as I can: I am confident the Parliament never intended to impoſe contrary Oaths; and therefore I think no Man can explain it but for himſelf, and reconcile it as it is genuine, and agree in its own ſence. And I take it in ſo far as it is conſiſtent with it ſelf and the Proteſtant *Religion: And I declare I mean not to bind up my ſelf in my Station, and in a Lawful way to reach and endeavour any alteration, I think to the advantage of Church or State, and repugnant to the* Proteſtant *Religion and my Loyalty: and this I underſtand as a part of my Oath.*

The Explanation of the Councel as it was Publiſhed, *Nov.* 21. 1681. in the *Gazette.*

Edinburgh, Nov. 3. His Majeſties Privy Council here have made the following Act concerning the Teſt.

FOr as much as ſome have entertained Jealouſies and Prejudices againſt the Oath and Teſt appointed to be taken by all Perſons in Publick truſt, Civil, Eccleſiaſtick, or Military, in this Kingdom, by the Sixth Act of his Majeſties Third Parliament, as if thereby they were to ſware to every Propoſition or Clauſe of the confeſſion of Faith therein mentioned, or that Invaſion were by it made upon the Intrinſick Spiritual Power of the Church, or Power of the Keys; or as if the preſent Epiſcopal Government of this National Church by Law Eſtabliſhed, were thereby expoſed to the hazard of Alteration or ſubverſion, all which are far from the Intention or Deſign of the Parliaments impoſing this Oath, and from the Genuine ſence & meaning thereof: Therefore his Royal Highneſs, his Majeſties High Commiſſioner, and the Lords of the Privy Council, do allow, Authorize & Impower the Arch Biſhops and Biſhops, to adminiſter this Oath and Teſt to the Miniſters in their reſpective Dioceſſes, in this expreſs Sence, as the Sence of the Parliament.

1. *That though the Confeſſion of Faith ratified in Parliament,* 1567. *was framed in the Infancy of our Reformation, and deſerves its due praiſe; yet by the Teſt we do not ſware to every Propoſition or Clauſe therein contained, but only to the true Proteſtant Religion founded upon the Word of God, contained in that Confeſſion as it is oppoſed to* Popery *and* Phanaticiſm.

2. *That by the Teſt or any Clauſe therein contained, no Invaſion or Incroachment is made or intended upon the Intrinſick Spiritual Power of the Church, or Power of the Keyes, as it was exerced by the Apoſtles, and the moſt pure and Primitive, in the Three firſt Centuries after Chriſt, and which is ſtill reſerved intirely to the Church Epiſcopal.*

3. *That the Oath and Teſt is without any prejudice to the Government of this National Church, which is declared by the firſt Act of the Second Seſſion of his Majeſties firſt Parliament, to be moſt agreeable to the Word of God, and moſt ſuitable to Monarchy, and which upon all Occaſions, his Majeſtie hath declared he will inviolably and unalterably preſerve. And do appoint the Arch-Biſhops and Biſhops to require the Miniſters in their reſpective Dioceſſes, with their firſt conveniency, to obey the Law in ſwearing and ſubſcribing the aforeſaid Teſt; with Certification that the Refuſers ſhall be eſteemed Perſons diſaffected to the* Proteſtant *Religion, and to his Majeſties Government; and that the Puniſhment appointed by the aforeſaid Sixth Act of his Majeſties Third Parliament, ſhall be impartially and without delay inflicted upon them.*

We ſhall here give the Reader an Account of what hath been obſerved by ſome from the Councils Explanation of the Teſt: you muſt underſtand by the Confeſſion mentioned in the Teſt, that Confeſſion of Faith which was drawn up by the firſt Reformers, and ratified by King *James* in the Parliament holden in *Scotland* in the Year 1567. from the Preamble of the Explanatory they obſerve, that others beſides the Earl of *Argyle* had entertained Jealouſies & Prejudices againſt the ſaid Oath and Teſt.

2. That their Lordſhips were not Ignorant of thoſe Jealouſies, nor that many of the Kings good Subjects were in the number of thoſe who were prejudiced againſt the foreſaid Oath and Teſt, whoſe weakneſs their Lordſhips were willing to gratifie by condeſcending to an Explanation.

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From the First Head they obſerve,

1. That they can be no *Proteſtants*, who ſcruple the taking the Oath and Teſt upon that Account, ſince it was they that at firſt formed and compoſed the Confeſſion, and never Queſtioned or ſcrupled Subſcribing to the whole; for from the beginning of the Reformation it was that which they contended for and Triumphed in as their Glory, and procured it to be enacted, that whoſoever oppoſed it ſhould not be taken for Members of their Church.

2. That they can be no other but *Papiſts* that ſcruple it upon this Account, ſince they alwayes from the beginning of the Reformation did, and to this Day do, abhor it and refuſe Subſcription to it, except ſuch only as have from their Confeſſors an Indulgence to ſubſcribe any thing, whereby they may be rendered the more capable of ſerving the *Papal* Intereſt.

3. That in this Explanation there is large Proviſion made for *P*——tender Conſciences; *Firſt*, by affirming that by the Teſt they do not ſware to every Propoſition or Clauſe contained in the Confeſſion, and yet not mentioning to how many, or to how few they do Swear, or to which Clauſes they are bound to Swear, and to which they are not; and all Men may well imagine that the *Papiſts* being thus left at their Liberty, will be indulgent enough to themſelves, and Swear to very few that touch their beloved Principles; but will have the Impudence to lay hold on this Explanation as their greateſt happineſs, in making the Teſt as eaſie as they can deſire. *Secondly*, In that we are to Swear to the True *Proteſtant* Religion therein contained, as it is founded on the Word of God, and as it is oppoſed to *Popery* and *Fanaticiſm*. Now this Affirmative leaves things at as much uncertainty as the former Negative. For *firſt*, ſome will make all things that agree not with their humour to be *Popery*, and others will have nothing to be ſo that agrees with theirs. Some will make all things *Fanaticiſm*, and ſome will make nothing ſo. And then it neceſſarily follows, that to Swear to the Confeſſion ſo far only as it is oppoſed to theſe, is to Swear to every thing or nothing. *Secondly*, to Swear to the Confeſſion ſo far as it is founded on the Word of God, is no more than any Man will Swear. A *Papiſt* will Swear to *Proteſtantiſm* thus far, for he hath a two-

ſold Word of God, a written and an unwritten Word, he hath a Scriptural and Traditional Word of God; and he is not ſuch a Fool, as to exclude himſelf from Honours, Offices and preferments, for a ſilly Word called *Proteſtantiſm*; let him be obliged to Swear to it no further than as it is agreeable to the Word of God, and he will be content to do that without the leaſt Heſitation whatſoever: And ſo will a *Proteſtant* Subſcribe to the Council of *Trent*, and a *Nonconformiſt* to the Liturgy, ſo far as they are agreeable to the Word of God. (*If this be not a leaving every Man to explain for himſelf, with a Witneſs, I am miſtaken.*) *Thirdly*, This Comment deſtroys the Text, and the Explanation overthrows the Deſign of the Teſt: for the Deſign, or the pretended Deſign of the Teſt, is to ſecure the *Proteſtant* Religion, which *Proteſtant* Religion, is contained in this Confeſſion of Faith, and this Confeſſion of Faith is ſuppoſed to be founded on the Word of God. But ſayes the Explanation, we are not obliged to ſubſcribe to every Clauſe and Propoſition therein, but only to the True *Proteſtant* Religion contained in the Confeſſion, ſo far as it is founded on the Word of God, and oppoſed to *Popery* and *Fanaticiſm*; whereas there is nothing in the World more plain, than that the Confeſſion is the Touch-ſtone, the Teſt and Standard of the *Proteſtant* Religion in that Kingdom and hath been owned as ſuch ever ſince the Reformation of the Church of *Scotland*. *Fourthly*, All that profeſs the Chriſtian Religion, do pretend, that their Principles are founded on the Scriptures, only they differ in the Explication thereof; to prevent which evil, the firſt Reformers in *Scotland*, (and ſo in *England* and other Churches too) labour'd to reduce the Principles of Religion contained in the Scriptures to a Certainty, by drawing up the Heads of their Faith into certain Articles which they own as their belief from Gods Word: But now comes this lax Interpretation, which not inſiſting upon the Truth of the National Confeſſion of Faith, enjoyns Men to Swear to it not as Conſonant to Gods Word, but ſo far as it is ſo: And ſaith, We are not obliged to Swear that every Clauſe and Propoſition thereof contains ſound Doctrine, but ſuch as are founded on the Word of God: And yet which they are, it prudently Conceals.

And to conclude, are they not *Tories* that are now labouring with

with ſo much induſtry to free the *Papiſt* from the Odium and Guilt of Sir *Edmondbury Godfrey*'s Death? and have not the ſame Men employ'd themſelves in *Papal* Intereſt, and endeavoured to the uttermoſt of their power to ſham the *Popiſh*-Plot, and procure the belief of a *Proteſtant* one ever ſince the firſt Diſcovery of the *Popiſh*-Plot? if any doubt of this, if they will but take the trouble to look over *Thompſon*'s Intelligences & other Libels publiſhed by him, they will there find innumerable inſtances and undeniable demonſtrations that *Thompſon* has been indefatigable in his attempts of that nature. And as for *Jack Farwel* he alſo embraced the ſame Intereſt as ſoon as his Com-Rogue *Thompſon*, as will appear by this Inſtance. It is well known that Sir *Edmondbury Godfrey* being Murdered by the *Papiſts* for doing his duty, and endeavouring with as much Zeal to make a full diſcovery of the Plot, as the *Tories* have done to ſtifle it; Sir *William Waller* was put into Commiſſion, and as he ſupplied his Place, ſo he followed his Example in Proſecuting the diſcovery of the Plot, with an unwearied diligence and an undaunted reſolution; whereby inſtead of procuring love and reſpect for his Loyalty to the Kings Majeſty and the *Proteſtant* Religion, he procured nothing but hatred and malice from the *Tories*, in whoſe eſteem *Wakeman*, *Grove*, or *Fenwick*, were brave fellows if compared with *Waller*: and I remember very well that the Day before the Chooſing Burgeſſes for *Weſtminſter*, to ſit in the laſt *Weſtminſter* Parliament, I was at the Sun *Tavern* in *Kings-ſtreet Weſtminſter*, and in comes *Jack Farwel* who was then Deputy Baily of *Weſtminſter*; and *Stroud* who was Head Baily being Sick, *Farwell* was then to Officiate as Head Baily; Well, ſaid ſome of the Company, how will it go to Morrow, Mr. *Farwel*? will Sir *William Waller* carry it? No, I hope not, replyes *Farwel*, I hear he intends to be in *Field* very early in the Morning with Four or Five hundred Horſe, but if he be, to do him a kindneſs, I will preſently Adjourn to *Weſtminſter*-Hall; ſo that *Tory* was reſolved to give Sir *William* as much Trouble as he could, to be even with him for the trouble he had given his beloved Friends the Jeſuits. And indeed ſo zealous have the *Tories* been in the management of their Plot, and ſo deſirous to ſee it ſucceed, that ſome have morgaged their Honeſty, and others have pawned their Honour for the carrying it on.

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APPENDIX,

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A Deſcription of *Popery*, and the Deſigns of the Popiſh and *Tory* Plots.

POpery is a large Fabrick, of a vaſt extent, it being above one Thouſand Leagues in Compaſs, and above one Thouſand years in Building; the chief Contriver was the Devil, and the Maſter Workman the Pope; the Foundation whereupon this Superſtructure is Built, is a falſe Interpretation of Holy Scripture, ramm'd down with a Battery of Holy Pretences, the Corner Stone (that the work might be Immortal) is made of a large ſquare piece of poliſhed Infallibility, cut out of the Quarry of Diabolical Pride and Arrogancy, and Cemented with the Blood of Emperours and Kings, and curiouſly Enamel'd with Uſurpation and Tyranny; the Porch is built with ſtrong Deluſion, and Satannical Deceits and Allurements, covered over with Univerſality, upon the Front of which is engraven in Capital Letters, *All thoſe that enter not in here are Damn'd for ever*; this Writing is enamel'd round with ſtrong Perſwaſions, and convincing Arguments made of Fire and Faggot; the Gates whereat you enter are made of Ignorance, curiouſly Carved after the Pagan Faſhion; the Hinges upon which they turn, and the Locks and Bars wherewith they are ſecured are all made of Implicit Faith, the Stairs by which you aſcend to the Gates, are made of Forgery and Impoſture, faſtened and ſecured with pretended Donations; within the Gate is a ſpacious ſquare Yard, paved with Holy Cheats and Pious

Pious Frauds, poliſhed with Serpentine Subtilty, till they are as ſmooth as Glaſs, ſo that all thoſe that walk thereon have their Feet tript up inſenſibly, and by that fall rendered uncapable of ever ſtanding upright again without a Miracle; the Walls are Built of falſe and pretended Miracles, Cemented with Impudence and Atheiſm, the Pillars which uphold the Towering Pride of this lofty Fabrick are *Trentine* Councils and Decrees, curiouſly Carved and Adorned with Profaneneſs and Blaſphemy, the Rafters are all made of Purgatory and Tranſubſtantiation, Floored with works of Supererrogation, and curiouſly Cieled with *Franciſcan* and *Ignarian* Inventions; Beautified and Varniſhed over with Canonization; the Rooms are all hung with ſtrong deluſion and Flattery, richly Imbroidered and Adorned with Pompous and Ceremonious Worſhip; the Stairs by which thoſe that enter, aſcend to firſt, ſecond and third Stories, are made of Blood and Cruelty, and exactly ſhaped like that of the *Pariſian* Maſſacre, ſupported by Pardons and Indulgences of all ſins for a Thouſand Years to come; the Rails and Banniſters are made of Rebellion and Treaſon, painted with the Blood of Princes and Nobles, and richly Adorned with the Spoils of Emperours and Kings, as Crowns, Scepters, and the like; all the Doors of the three firſt Stories are made of voluntary Humility, poliſhed Idolatry and blind Obedience; the Stairs which lead up to the fourth Story, are made with Boards of *Spaniſh* Inquiſition, ſupported by ſpecious Pretences of increaſing the Catholick Religion, and Converting *Moors* and *Indians* to the Chriſtian Faith; the Rails and Banniſters are made of Racks and Dungeons, painted with the Blood of Martyrs, and Varniſhed over with the Tears of Orphans and Widdows; the Rooms are all hung, and Adorned with Invincible Armadoes, Powder Treaſons, and *Iriſh* Rebellions; and round the Rooms hang ſeveral curious Pictures of the ſeveral Tragical Exploits of their famous Hero the Duke *D'alva* in the *Netherlands*; and upon the Cielings are Painted the lively Repreſentation of the Aſſaſſination of the two French Kings; the Windows are of ſeveral Forms, but they are all glazed with Believing as the Church believes, a kind of *Italian* Invention, ſo clouded and ſhaded over, that whoſoever is within ſide, are not able to diſcern

cern things as they are, but embrace Shadows for real Substances, as the feigned Knights of old were wont do, when by the Power of Magick Spells, they were confined within the Walls of Castles rear'd by Inchantment; and least the Sun-Beams should Penetrate through the Windows, (which is almost impossible) they have provided strong Shutters of unknown Tongues, so that not one glimpse of saving knowledge can enter. But the first Story which is now in Building, is the most famous and splendid part of the whole Fabrick: the Walls are built of Jesuitical Subtilty, cemented with French Flattery, the Stairs are all made of Flaming Towns and Cities, supported by Fireballs and other Combustible matter, all along the Stairs hang several large Pictures of *Expectation*, and on the top of the Stairs stands a stately Image of Vain-hope; the Rafters are all made of intentional Massacre and Destruction, and Floor'd with spoyl of Hereticks, and Cieled with *White Horse* and *Wild House* Consults; the Rooms are all hung with Horrid Plots and Hellish Conspiracies, curiously Embroidered with Traiterous Resolves and Bloody Determinations, and richly furnished with Assassination and Murder, the Doors are all made of Auricular Confession, and turn upon Hinges made of Oaths of Secresie; the Cornishes, Architraves, Frenes, and the like, are made of Consecrated Daggers and Pistols Artificially wrapt up in long Cravats; and the whole Fabrick being almost finished, they resolve to Lead it over with Extirpation of *Northen Heresie*, Sodered with a mixture of *Smithfield* Piles, and *No Faith to be kept with Hereticks*; but the Building being much indammaged by some Storms lately raised against it, and the Work-men fearing least it should be quite Battered down and Demolished before they can get it Leaded, have been at a vast charge to buy a large Tarpawlin made of Tory Shamplots, which are so artificially Sewed together, that it's a matter of incredible difficulty to discern the Seams, and withall so very large, that they doubt not but with it to cover the whole Fabrick, and thereby not only secure it from being Demolished, but also from being much indamaged by those Storms, untill they can get it Leaded over as aforesaid.

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